

Table 52. Selected Producer Characteristics: 2017 and 2012

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Characteristics	2017 ¹				2012 ²	
	All producers (see text)	All principal producers (see text)	All non-principal producers (see text)	Primary producer (see text)	All operators	Principal operator
Producers number	113,599	92,460	21,139	69,983	100,555	68,050
Sex of producers:						
Male	73,502	66,406	7,096	54,015	71,844	60,280
Female	40,097	26,054	14,043	15,968	28,711	7,770
Hired managers (see text)	1,743	1,144	599	771	(NA)	1,107
Primary occupation:						
Farming	40,928	35,414	5,514	29,282	38,301	28,454
Other	72,671	57,046	15,625	40,701	62,254	39,596
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	90,850	75,055	15,795	57,101	80,259	55,153
Not on farm operated	22,749	17,405	5,344	12,882	20,296	12,897
Days of work off farm:						
None	41,149	34,231	6,918	28,031	35,494	25,071
Any	72,450	58,229	14,221	41,952	65,061	42,979
1 to 49 days	8,686	6,788	1,898	5,319	7,716	4,950
50 to 99 days	5,190	4,163	1,027	3,279	4,922	3,204
100 to 199 days	9,807	8,022	1,785	6,039	8,870	5,808
200 days or more	48,767	39,256	9,511	27,315	43,553	29,017
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	7,198	5,252	1,946	3,728	4,133	2,132
3 or 4 years	9,549	7,234	2,315	5,036	5,755	3,112
5 to 9 years	16,070	12,377	3,693	8,786	16,532	9,728
10 years or more	80,782	67,597	13,185	52,433	74,135	53,078
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	16,893	12,439	4,454	8,661	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	14,060	10,740	3,320	7,650	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	82,646	69,281	13,365	53,672	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	1,633	564	1,069	249	1,496	259
25 to 34 years	6,582	4,608	1,974	3,117	5,290	2,564
35 to 44 years	12,550	9,513	3,037	6,625	12,089	6,768
45 to 54 years	21,841	17,488	4,353	12,748	22,128	14,141
55 to 64 years	30,466	25,130	5,336	18,793	28,533	19,757
65 to 74 years	26,968	23,212	3,756	18,417	20,821	16,131
75 years and over	13,559	11,945	1,614	10,034	10,198	8,430
Average age	58.0	59.1	53.1	60.1	57.0	59.2
Young producers (see text)	9,344	5,961	3,383	3,887	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	1,205	952	350	658	743	467
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	329	272	57	194	418	281
Asian	211	173	38	109	177	87
Black or African American	1,372	1,168	204	927	1,324	992
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	24	19	5	15	10	4
White	111,050	90,309	20,741	68,365	98,189	66,460
More than one race reported	613	519	94	373	437	226
Military service (see text):						
Never served	99,136	79,162	19,974	59,185	(NA)	(NA)
Served	14,463	13,298	1,165	10,798	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	211,560	190,581	20,979	152,602	197,899	167,766
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	99,796	86,474	13,322	67,416	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	85,217	75,356	9,861	59,819	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	80,154	69,915	10,239	55,098	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	84,107	73,379	10,728	58,751	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	63,043	55,599	7,444	43,650	(NA)	(NA)

¹ Data were collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

² All operator data are for a maximum of three operators per farm; principal operator data are for one operator per farm.